

NHLA Technical Services Committee

August 29, 2023 at 02:00 PM (virtual)

In attendance: Angela Brown (Chair, Amherst), Nick Gagnon (Dover), Phuong Openo (Dover), Martha Simmons (Hooksett), Brittney Burgholm (Goffstown), Merrily Samuels (Hampstead), Caleb Kneuer (Laconia), Dianna Levesque (Fuller- Hillsborough),

1. Call Meeting to Order

- a. Meeting called to order at 2:00 P.M.
- b. Intros and welcome to new members attending.

2. New Business

NONE

3. Topics from the Floor

- a. De-deweying. Some libraries have de-Deweyed specific sections such as cookbooks, A/V materials, and YA nonfiction. Some libraries have seen improved circulation.
- b. Library of Things (LOT):
 - i. Hooksett has started circulating board games. They also circulate a Radon detector (Amazon - Airthings Corentium Home digital radon detector)
 - ii. Dover organizes their library of things collection with a tag system
 - iii. Goffstown is circulating Hot Spots which are very popular
- c. How do libraries manage book repair? Goffstown has a volunteer who will be starting soon. Other libraries have staff members that were already trained. Sometimes it's easier to simply replace a book rather than investing a lot of time and materials into its repair.
- d. Cataloging training resources:
 - i. [Maxwell handbook for RDA. 2024 edition](#)
 - ii. [ALA Fundamentals of Cataloging](#)
 - iii. [Web Junction trainings](#) (free)
 - iv. [Amigos Trainings](#) (fee)
- e. Purchase requests and library policy:
 - i. Dover: newer books are prioritized and books with multiple requests. They offer digital services if print is not available.
 - ii. Hooksett has frequent flyers and will fill some holds for them but not all.
 - iii. Some libraries have policies:
 1. [Hampstead Collection Development Policy](#)
 2. [Hooksett Collection Development Policy](#)

- f. Do libraries put local authors into separate sections?
 - i. Some libraries put a label on books by local authors and interfile them with the rest of the collection. It was agreed that having a separate section negatively impacts circulation

- 4. **Next meeting date:** Oct 24, 2023 at 2PM

- 5. **Adjournment**
 - a. Meeting adjourned at 3:02 P.M.